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AN ACCLIMATION CAMP.

The dispatch of a brigade of regular troops to Panama would draw upon various army garrisons in the West where the men are used to weather of a very different type indeed from that which they would find on the isthmus or farther south. Some of these men may, it is true, have seen service in the Philippines, but the regular forces change so fast, owing to the short term of enlistment, that a large proportion of the Western garrisons are not inured to the tropics.

This brings up a matter to which the Advertiser has before referred, the establishment of a brigade acclimation camp on the Oahu military reservation near Honolulu. Here is a place midway between several other tropical points where troops may have to be sent—the Philippines, Panama, Samoa, Colombia, Venezuela among the rest; and to have seasoned men ready would seem to be a military advantage. To take troops from Puget Sound, Denver, the uplands of New Mexico, Idaho, Wyoming, Kansas or even from Northern California and send them to the enervating heats of Luzon or Panama, is to take climatic risks that might be easily avoided. For the same troops after a year in Hawaii could go into the equatorial region with comparative safety.

Finally, a brigade of troops are needed here to secure to the United States its most important way station in the Pacific. The government admits as much when it starts to expend millions of dollars here for forts and a naval depot. Why not, therefore, reach both objects, defence and acclimation, by inducing the War Department to send a brigade here as soon as the new reservation is ready and letting the artillery branch of it occupy the forts when they are constructed? Could not the Department be induced to take such action? Why not try?

Honolulu ought to move in this matter, as the presence of 4,000 men would cause about \$130,000 a month to flow into the channels of trade.

THE JONES VERDICT.

The jury in the Jones case had to deal with an atrocious, cold-blooded murder, more deliberate than the killing of S. E. Damon and accompanied by another capital crime for which an irresponsible jury has found the defendant not guilty. Yet these twelve men have brought in a verdict of manslaughter in the first degree and recommended the red-handed Jones to the extreme mercy of the court.

Perhaps the jury had to adopt this recommendation to win over some stubborn numskulls among them from a verdict of acquittal. At any rate that excuse appears. But whether this is the case or not, the plea for "extreme mercy" is calculated to cheapen human life in this Territory and put murder as a crime on a level with horse-stealing and false-witness.

The Stanford mystery now goes to the detectives. A jury verdict of murder against parties unknown has been rendered and the rest comes to those who follow clues. We wish them luck for their task promises to be as arduous as any that has fallen to our modern Hawkshaws since the Nathan homicide in New York.

If it is a matter of being defeated at the polls, the legislator who votes for higher taxes and graft, which is the genesis of the county bill, will not have much success in winning votes from the taxpayers.

There is a sound usury bill before the House which ought to be passed for the protection of the borrowing public from a system of legalized robbery. It is a legislative measure of the first importance.

It's queer how some of the men who advised most strongly against annexation, which the taxpayers wanted, are now advising most strongly for county government, which the taxpayers don't want.

The public was sick of county government before in less than ten days. It wouldn't take that length of time to make them sick of another essay.

Nicholas II is the first Romanoff not to show himself at the front. Perhaps he is waiting for the front to come to him.

General MacArthur was too late for Mukden, but he may be in at the death.

It may be a Tie-up pass for Kuro-patkin.

THE SUNDAY LAW.

While here and there is a note of dissent from the measure which seeks to repeal the closed Sunday, the public attitude of the great mass of Christian people here is one of indifference. No meetings of church bodies have been held, so far as we know, to discuss Sunday legislation; no committees have been sent to do missionary work among the law-makers, and in the March number of The Friend, the Sunday question is not mentioned. At one prayer meeting the matter came up, but nothing was done to indicate a purpose to offer a new bill, to defend the existing statute or to oppose the Quinn measure.

The conclusion is fair, therefore, that church people are willing to have a liberal Sunday law enacted. Representative Quinn's measure seems to be long in that category. It forbids all labor on Sunday excepting "works of necessity or mercy, in which are included all labor that is needed for the good order, health, comfort or safety of the community, or for the protection of property from unforeseen disaster, or danger of destruction or injury, or which may be required for the prosecution of or attendance upon religious worship, or for the furnishing of opportunities of reading or study; provided, however, that this section shall not apply to newspaper printing offices, steamship companies, railroads, telegraph and telephone companies, hotels, inns, restaurants, cigar stores, ice cream parlors, soda water stands, drug stores, livery stables, hackmen, owners and operators of licensed shore boats, news depots, farmers, graziers and ranchmen, electric light plants, gas works and slaughter houses; and provided further that personal baggage may be conveyed to and from vessels leaving and arriving at port on that day, and to and from railroad station; that on Sunday the loading and unloading of vessels engaged in interstate or foreign commerce shall be permitted, but no freight shall be drayed or conveyed from the dock, pier, wharf, or landing upon which it is unloaded; that during the entire day milk, bread and ice may be sold and delivered; that until 9 o'clock in the forenoon fresh meat, fresh fish, fresh fruit and fresh vegetables may be sold and delivered, and that barber shops may be kept open until 11 o'clock in the forenoon."

This does not seek to establish a California Sunday, which permits open saloons and race-tracks, but makes a reasonable provision for the comfort of the people. And comfort is as desirable on Sunday as at any other time. The apparent acquiescence of local church members on that point shows that a remarkable and wholesome change has come over the religious spirit of Honolulu within the past few years.

COUNTY LEGISLATION.

It was expected that the County bill would pass the House, but its fate in the Senate is uncertain. That body contains some conservative members who do not sympathize with the proposal to overload these islands with governments for the sake of graft and who hold that their chief duty to the people is to keep taxes down and administrative processes efficient. Whether there are enough of them or not to keep the Legislature from making the Republican flame odious to the taxpayers remains to be seen.

Of course, the passage of the county act does not necessarily mean county government, for the measure, in the opinion of some of the best lawyers of the Territory, is as defective, constitutionally, as the other one was. It would be thrown out, they think, abruptly. But in that event the principle of local self-government, as embraced in the Achi substitute bill, would be also lost for the time being; and it strikes us that the Legislature would do better to save that prize than to attempt the county bill, with all its imperfections thick upon it, and thus lose everything.

So far as the argument goes, that the Legislature, after giving the people local self-government, would compass Republican defeat in the next election because it did not give them the same thing in a form of doubtful constitutionality, we have no words to express our derision for it. Arguments like that, not only defeat their own ends, but expose their makers to scorn. Besides, the Republican victory last fall was a result of organization, not of platform generalities; and things are in such shape now that, so long as the Territorial administration stays Republican, there will be no more danger of Democratic victories in Hawaii than there is in Vermont. Fine words butted none of the political parsnips last fall.

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A HOPELESS CAUSE.

Why should the Czar decide to continue the war? He has seen his Asiatic fleet destroyed, his greatest Eastern fortress taken, his troops driven out of Korea across the Yalu and whirled northward by the impetus of successive Japanese victories; and now, confronted by triumphant legions who have fortified every position gained by them and are immensely stronger than they were when they forced Kuropatkin back from the Yalu, the Czar talks of more war. Pride may account for this, but common sense cannot do so; for the world knows that no Russian army, six thousand miles from its base, supplied by a single-track railroad and regulated as to size by the capacity of that road to carry food, can defeat the finest infantry in the world, but 700 miles from home and with an adult fighting population of 8,000,000 to draw upon. And where this Russian army is demoralized by disasters and the enemy flushed with successive triumphs in the field, nothing less than a miracle could turn the tables.

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Colonies—Per Sonoma, March 21.
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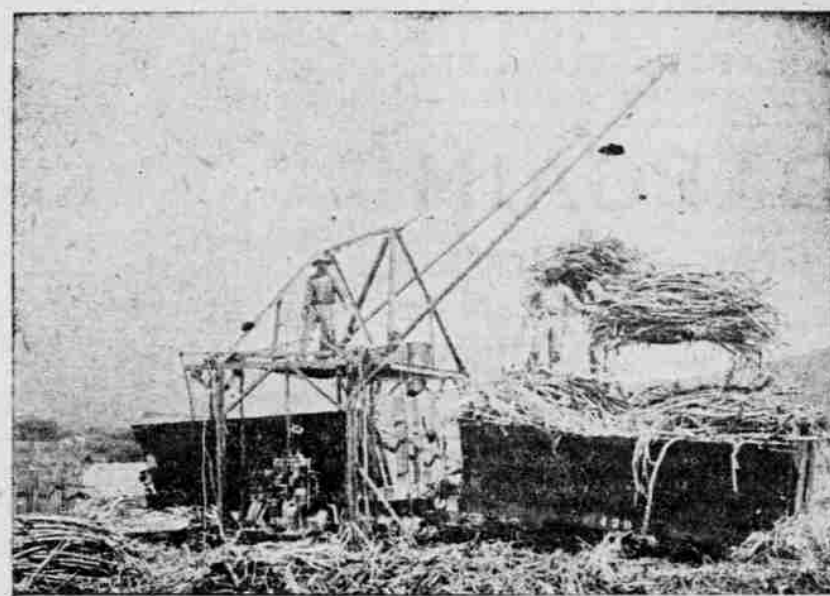
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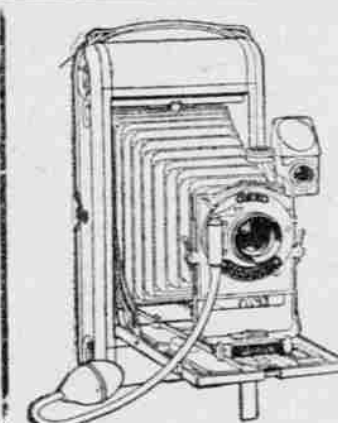
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